

Application No. 10/810,726
Art Unit: 3681

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correctly correspond with the drawings. Specifically, if the transmission capacity A of the lockup clutch is "larger" than the torque absorption capacity B of the pump impeller, then the ratio A/B would be over 100%. Fig. 4 only illustrates the ratio A/B as high as 50%. Accordingly, the language of the specification has been amended that when A is "large" with respect to B, the clutch position cannot be moved backwards from the clutch connected or engaged position. For example, the transmission capacity A of the lockup clutch may be "large" with respect to the absorption capacity B of the pump impeller, even when A/B is 50%.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

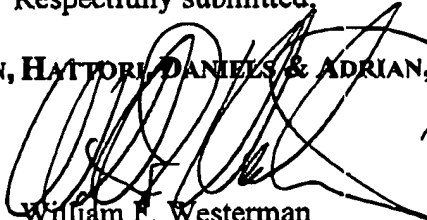
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